

Rhus glabra

Smooth Sumac



A bold plant, normally found in open fields. Foliage turns a brilliant scarlet-red in fall. Flowers appear as spikes on open thick branches. The upright spikes change to red in the fall, and persist through winter. Will sucker and form clones, so plant in large open areas where it can spread.

Suggested Companions: little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), old-field goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*), rough blazing star (*Liatris aspera*), wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 10-20' H
20-35' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Clay

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Green
Yellow

Bloom Time:

July

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Fall color
Winter interest
Wildlife attracting
Deer resistant
Butterfly attracting